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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-3 and 15-18 are pending in the present application. The Amendment filed June 3, 2003, and Supplemental Amendment filed June 4, 2003, are herein incorporated by reference. This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed June 3, 2003, and Supplemental Amendment filed June 4, 2003. No new matter is presented by way of this amendment.

Claim 1 is amended herein to correct an inadvertent omission of the term "kojic acid" in claim 1, which was originally added to claim 1 in the Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination, dated October 30, 2002.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-3 and 15-18 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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